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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 November 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 4,7,8,11,12,15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. More particularly, claims 7, 11, and 15 are dependent upon cancelled claim 3 in their chain of dependency, and claim 4 should also be cancelled because it is a duplicate of claim 2. Claims 8, 12, and 16 are, respectively, dependent upon duplicate claims and should also be cancelled for reasons previously stated.
3. Claims 1,2 and 4-28 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP Abst '730 (or applicants' admissions concerning the reference beginning at page 2, line 21 of the specification) taken in view of both Nakamura and Bugajski et al, each relied upon as citing evidence of the state of the art, substantially for reasons set forth in Paragraph No. 2 of Paper No. 051006, together with the following additional observations. More particularly, the Examiner first notes that almost all of applicants' technical related arguments presented on pages 7 (most particularly) and 8 of the Response are in their present form mere unsupported attorney's opinions, and would have much greater weight if they were presented in a suitable and timely Declaration. In particular, the polymer film formed from the acrylic emulsions of Bugajski et al (Response, page 7) has not been shown on the record to be structurally different from the polymer film of the claimed invention, applicants' comments to the contrary notwithstanding. As to the state of the art teachings of Nakamura (Response, pages 7-

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8) it is again noted that Bugajski et al, not Nakamura, is relied upon for a teaching (Col 3, lines 42-43) of acrylic resins which have no carboxylic acid functionality, as applicants' remarks mistakenly assert. With respect to the Examiner's earlier rejection of independent claims 17 and 22 he notes that except for such obvious optimization parameters as thicknesses and (as earlier stated) the specific nominal method steps of claim 22, the only variable which is believed to merit further amplification is the swelling weight parameter, which is believed to either be inherent in the reference combination formed articles, or, alternatively, be an obvious modification to one of ordinary skill who is desirous of preventing the resin substrate from peeling off from an adherend should the solvent permeate and reach an adhesive layer coated onto an outer surface.

Finally, with respect to newly presented dependent claims 27 and 28 the specific amount of HALS in the (meth)acrylic polymer is believed to be no more than a routine optimization, in the absence of unexpected results.

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel Zirker whose telephone number is 571-272-1486. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:30 to 6:00. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Terrel Morris, can be reached on 571 - 272 - 1478. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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